U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

December 29, 2023

MR. NOAH SCHEER
[redacted]

FOIPA Request No.: 1557305-000
Subject: O'GRADY, JOHN JAMES

Dear Mr. Scheer:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552		Section 552a
☐ (b)(1)	☐ (b)(7)(A)	☐ (d)(5)
☐ (b)(2)	☐ (b)(7)(B)	☐ (j)(2)
☐ (b)(3)	☑ (b)(7)(C)	☐ (k)(1)
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☐ (b)(4)	☐ (b)(8)	☐ (k)(5)
☐ (b)(5)	☐ (b)(9)	☐ (k)(6)
☑ (b)(6)		☐ (k)(7)

40 pages were reviewed and 36 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main and reference entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

In response to your narrowed Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed are the processed documents.

This is the final release of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

Due to the age and condition of the original documents, some of the reproduced copies are extremely difficult to read. Every effort has been made to obtain the best copies possible.

Records that may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

A record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file number 46-HQ-1243.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

(i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.

(ii) **Intelligence Records**. To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

(i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.

(ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

(iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C.§ § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C.§ 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

(i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.

a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation

(ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.

(iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.

(iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

(b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;

(b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;

(b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;

(b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;

(b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

(d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;

(j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;

(k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;

(k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;

(k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;

(k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;

(k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;

(k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOI/PA
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RAS:TTL
~~AD-CONFIDENTIAL~~

October 9, 1936.

47-12157-1

Mrs. Henry Ward,
Irving, New York.

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 1, 1936, pertaining to the difficulties encountered by your sister and her loss of $7,000 to an alleged confidence man.

From the contents of your letter I am unable to determine whether there exists a basis for active investigation by this Bureau. Consequently, I have instructed Mr. R. K. Rackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Old Marine Trust Building, Buffalo, New York, to have a Special Agent call upon you to obtain the facts surrounding this matter, so as to determine whether there exists a violation coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Buffalo (Enclosing copies of incoming letter.)

This form to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Louisville Field Division
(Name and address of Contributor)

March 25, 1937
(Date)

Dear Sir:

Following are additional records in cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Name, Aliases and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
FBI-16361	JOHN JAMES O'GRADY, #662, USM, Savannah, Ga..	2-24-37	Impersonating Govt. officer.	Sent.6 yrs. $300 fine, Fed Court, Louisville, Ky., 3/9/37.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Dewey.

O. C. DEWEY, Special Agent in Charge.
(Official Title)

JJV/mch
47-V2-

(For instructions see reverse side)

dated 4-4-42.

On 3-20-42 [redacted] District Attorney GILBERT BERNSTEIN was contacted with regard to the charges pending against O'GRADY in his opinion. BERNSTEIN [redacted] that the two checks in question were:

(1) Check to MRS. ROSALIE DiMAGGIO, 915 Decatur St., $40.00. This check was payable to JAMES CLAYTON BRADY and signed ROBERT BURNS, Treasurer. The check was dated 2-14-42 and payable at the Whitney National Bank, New Orleans. Typed-written on the reverse of this check was the endorsement U.S. Navy Transport Service, SS SHAUMONT, Algiers, Naval Base.

(2) Check cashed by CHARLES TUSA, 1101 Royal St., for $40.00. This check was payable to JAMES CLAYTON GRADY at the Whitney National Bank and signed ROBERT C. BURNS, Director. This check was endorsed U.S. Army Transport Service, USS TEXAS.

On 3-23-42 Mrs. ROSALIE DiMAGGIO advised that at the time she cashed check #1, described above, she did not in any way rely on subject's representation that he was in the U.S. Navy Transport Service and in fact merely recalls subject stating he was "off a ship". Mrs. DiMAGGIO stated she operates a live poultry store and it has been her practice to cash whatever checks are presented to her without any identification.

CHARLES TUSA, 1101 Royal Street, operator of a drug store, advised that when he cashed check #2 referred to above, it was in payment of a prescription issued by Dr. LINDNER, 915 Bourbon St. TUSA stated that he did not cash it because of any government representations by subject, and relied chiefly upon the fact that the prescription was issued by Dr. LINDNER who is a good customer of the drug store. TUSA stated that he does recall subject stating he was off a transport ship, but definitely this representation in no way led to him cashing the check.

On 3-23-42 these facts were presented to Assistant United States Attorney HILARY J. GAUDIN, who advised that in view of the fact that the persons defrauded both state they did not rely upon any representation by subject that he was in the government service, he declined prosecution.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION-
TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN

On 3-9-42 the following letter was received from subject addressed to MR. CLEGG, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Building, New Orleans, La.:

Parish Prison
New Orleans, La. March 8, 1942

" Sir:

I am at the present time incarcerated at this jail, awaiting trial I have a matter of very great importance regarding my case that I will like to discuss with you; it is in regards to some federal charges that I have against me in New York and I will like to have every-thing adjusted before my trial comes up.

"Trusting that you would give this matter your prompt attention by coming up to see me as soon as possible.

Yours,
Respectfully,

/s/ JOHN J. O'GRADY "

On 3-20-42 subject JOHN JAMES O'GRADY was interviewed at the Parish Prison. O'GRADY at this time alleged that in cashing two worthless checks in New Orleans he represented himself as J. C. BRADY, Army Transport Service. O'GRADY further stated that although he has pled not guilty in state court on charge of forgery, that he would plead guilty to a federal charge of impersonation. Agent advised O'GRADY that he would look into the matter and present the facts to the United States Attorney in the event that any evidence of a federal violation was found. O'GRADY further stated that GEORGE C. KATZ, who is believed identical with subject A.L. KATZ, alias JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, is presently located in New Orleans, and is using the name RED BRYANT. O'GRADY stated that KATZ may be located at either of the following places: [illegible] St.; Sal's Pool Room, St. Charles Ave. O'GRADY further stated that when he saw KATZ in New Orleans approximately 3-6-42 KATZ stated that the Federal Government had never caught up with him. According to O'GRADY, KATZ at present is involved in narcotic peddling and passing of counterfeit money. KATZ is alleged to be working with GEORGE "RED" HARTNETT in the narcotic peddling and to be travelling with a girl named RUBY DANIELS and passing counterfeit money.

Accordingly on 3-21-42 a teletype was sent to the office or origin in instant case requesting information as to any process outstanding against subject A. L. KATZ.

On 3-23-42 a teletype was received from Louisville Field Division advising that no process was outstanding in Louisville District for KATZ and that the statute of limitations ran as of March 1940 regarding previous forgeries by KATZ.

The information regarding the passing of counterfeit money by subject KATZ was furnished telephonically to Agent L. C. COUNTS of the Secret Service New Orleans on 3-24-42. This conversation is being confirmed by letter

K3 and the signatures appearing on his fingerprint cards on file in the Bureau.

In arriving at this identification it was necessary to use in addition to specimen K3-12160, K3 one of the signatures appearing on O'GRADY's fingerprint card and in the event handwriting testimony should be desired it will be necessary that your office advise the Bureau in sufficient time to inform you as to the source of the fingerprint card used and the identity of the individual taking the fingerprint.

Specimen K7-12160, K3 was submitted by the Louisville Field Division of this Bureau on April 2, 1937 in connection with the case entitled "JOHN JAMES O'GRADY, with aliases, et al; Impersonation". At that time O'GRADY's handwriting was identified with the handwriting contained on a number of checks received in connection with the case entitled "JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IMPERSONATION", Bureau file 62-42824.

Specimen Q1 in the above-entitled case was submitted by Mr. John F. Newell, Chief of Police, Portland, Maine under date of April 26, 1945 in connection with the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias, FLOYD G. MILLIKEN; Fraudulent Checks; Portland, Maine". Specimen Q1 is in the amount of $30.00, dated April 6, 1945, payable to CARL E. ANDERSON and signed by FLOYD G. MILLIKEN.

For your information, there will be transmitted to your office and other interested offices within the next ten days copies of the criminal transcript and photograph of JOHN JAMES O'GRADY, #FBI-16351.

In arriving at the identification of O'GRADY's handwriting with the check in this case, it was necessary to use all of the checks as a unit inasmuch as some of them are not comparable individually with the known handwriting of O'GRADY. In the event testimony should ever be desired in this case it will be necessary that all of the evidence be introduced or else it will be necessary that additional known handwriting be obtained from the subject.

The typewriting on Q1 is not identified by a [illegible] as to the make of typewriter used to prepare the check, however, it matches most closely the Laboratory standards for Underwood Pica type spaced ten letters to the inch.

Specimens Q2 and Q3 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none of value was found.

Specimens Q2 and Q3 together with a photographic copy of each are being returned to your office herewith, appropriate photographic copies being retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

47-12160

GFM:HK

REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION May 29, 1945
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Miami

There is contained herein the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 16, 1945.

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: FLOYD G. HILLIKER, with aliases
FLOYD G. HILLIKER, ROBERT G. [illegible]
NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT

87-995
87-44 3-2
YOUR FILE NO. 37170 LJ
FBI FILE NO.
LAB. NO.

Addressee

Examination requested letter dated 5-11-45

Reference Document - Fingerprint

Examination requested:

Specimens

(2) SPECIMEN HEREIN, NOW [illegible] BATTLE PAYABLE TO [illegible] HILLIKER [illegible] Trust Co. Portland, Maine.

(3) One original sales slip bearing handwritten signature "Floyd G. Hilliker" in pencil, for the purchase of merchandise from the Arcade Men's Shop.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

RECORDED 47-12160-54

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUN 5
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

As a result of a search of the National Fraudulent Check File, it has been established that the face of check #1, the face and endorsement of Robert G. Hilliker, signature FLOYD G. HILLIKER on #3 were written by [illegible] FBI [illegible] whose known handwriting consists of specimen [illegible],

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Lad
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hoover
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

- Miami (Enc. #1 - 2 DIST. NYB MAIL)
- Louisville (21-72)
- Mr. John [illegible], Chief of Police, Portland, Maine
- LABORATORY (Enc. #1-#3)

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BALTIMORE, MD. Oct. 30 1936 N NO. 0-36

THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY

AVENUE OFFICE

PAY TO THE ORDER OF GEO [illegible] $ [illegible].00

FORTY-FIVE [illegible] 00/100 DOLLARS

U. S. COAST GUARD FUNDS

[illegible] J. L. REYNOLDS.

[illegible] ENDORSEMENT CANCELLED
[illegible] TRUST COMPANY

Form 1. 8-35—20M

RETURNED

UNPAID

REASON CHECKED -,

THE EQUITABLE TRUST COMPANY

CENTRAL OFFICE

Calvert at Fayette Street Baltimore, Md.

Drawn against uncollected funds
Account closed
No such account ✓
Post dated
Payment stopped
Charged in error
No authority to pay
Signature missing
Signature incomplete
Signature not satisfactory
Signature illegible
First endorsement
Guarantee endorsement
Your endorsement
Checked altered
Guarantee alteration
Discrepancy in amount
Savings Account, not subject to check

Return to 7-73

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

13037

Laboratory Report

Case: Re: JOHN JAMES O'GRADY, with aliases,
FUGITIVE
DEPRAVATION.

Number: 47-12160-7

Specimens:

47-12160-7 Q1. Photostat of check on The Equitable Trust Company, Baltimore, Md., dated Oct. 3, 1936 in amount of $45.00. Also photostat of return slip.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

too I am sending you a little Thanksgiving poem that I think is pretty and it made me think of you three babies.

I close with lots of love to you, [redacted] and kiss your mother for me, I am,

Your Daddy

b6
b7C

47-12160-[illegible]

Sunday

b6
b7C

[redacted]

[redacted] very badly wants you to
that he also was glad that
[redacted] to join the church and
I could have him there when
[redacted] baptized. I was there in
[redacted] with you. You know sometimes
[redacted] have to miss some pleasure
that comes with being a daddy.
[redacted] now that you are a member
[redacted] church you will also take
[redacted] in it as you have and
that when you grow up that
[redacted] will be the same sweet girl
[redacted] now so that mother and
[redacted] be proud of you.
[redacted] like you are continuing to
[redacted] good grades in school

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[redacted]

Single Fingerprint Report

49-12180-57

Case: [redacted]
Impersonation.

Number: 49-12180-19

Specimens: 49-12180-19 K1 One letter written in pencil on white paper, beginning "Dear Sister;" and a note, also on a sheet of the same size paper, beginning "We printed this book," both in the known handwriting of A. L. Ekes.

49-12180-19 K2 One envelope of the Arlington Hotel, addressed to Mrs. A. L. Ekes, 102 Pope St., Camden, Arkansas, and postmarked Special Delivery from Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20, 6:00 P.M.

John Joseph Murphy

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 22nd 1937. No. 12.D

"THE FOURTH STREET BANK"

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Joseph Murphy $20.00

Twenty-Dollars DOLLARS

FOURTH STREET OFFICE
CITIZENS UNION NATIONAL BANK
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Robert. L. Burns

John Joseph
McCarthy

John Joseph
Murphy

John Joseph
Murphy

John Joseph
Merfsby

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 23 1937. No. 16-A

"THE FOURTH STREET BANK"

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Joseph Murphy $37.00

Thirty-Seven Dollars DOLLARS

FOURTH STREET OFFICE
CITIZENS UNION NATIONAL BANK
LOUISVILLE, KY.

Robert C. Brown

Washington Field Division, Room 4044,
Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1936.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN JAMES O'BRIEN, with aliases,
WANTED
INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith photostatic copy of check drawn on the Equitable Trust Company, Baltimore, Maryland payable to the order of George W. Miller, dated October 2, 1936, in the amount of $45.00 and endorsed by George W. Miller, for the purpose of being included in the Bureau files for possible future use.

Very truly yours,

AOB:JEK
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GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

TO MECHANICAL SECTION: DATE 12-11-56

PLEASE PREPARE THE FOLLOWING FOR LAB. ROOM NO 7118 PHONE 310

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REMARKS OR DESCRIPTION SPECIAL CURRENT CASE. RETURN TO MR. CLEGG.

(PHOTOSTAT OF CHECK & RETURN SLIP) PHOTOSTAT ALL SIDES UPON WHICH WRITTEN MATTERS

APPEAR 47-12160-7

APPROVED Jwp SIGNED A. P. Coffey

Lab.

GWD:MM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

December 15, 1936.

Case: John James O'Grady, with aliases,
Fugitive;
Impersonation.

Number: 47-12160-7

Specimens:

Q1. Photostat of check on The Equitable Trust Company, Baltimore, Maryland, dated October 3, 1936 in amount of $45.00. Also photostat of return slip.

Examination requested by: Washington

Date received: 12-11-36

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Blackburn

The fraudulent check designated as specimen 7 Q1 has been searched through the fraudulent check file without effecting an identification. A photographic copy of this check will be placed in the fraudulent check file and should an identification be effected, your office will be notified.

1-Bureau
1-Washington
1-Laboratory

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CWD:MM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report
January 28, 1937.

Case: John Joseph Murphy;
Impersonation.

Number: 47-12160-17

Specimens:
K1. One letter written in pencil on white paper, beginning: "Dear Sister,—" and a note, also on a sheet of the same size paper, beginning: "We printed this book,---", both in the known handwriting of A. L. Katz.
K2. One envelope of the Arlington Hotel, addressed to Mrs. A. L. Katz, 101 Pope Street, Camden, Arkansas, and postmarked, "Memphis, Tennessee, November 20, ____, 6:30 P. M." and marked "Special Delivery".

Examination requested by: Little Rock, Arkansas

Date received: 1-18-37

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination: Examination by: Blackburn

No conclusion has been reached from a comparison of the known handwriting of A. L. Katz with the questioned handwriting in this case and in the case entitled, John Joseph Murphy; Impersonation, file #62-42824, because there are not enough similar words and characteristics for an adequate comparison. If a further comparison is desired, additional handwriting specimens of A. L. Katz in the form of checks written from dictation of the wording on the questioned check should be forwarded to the Laboratory for comparison.

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2-Little Rock
1-Louisville
2-Laboratory (1 for file #62-42824)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

April 8, 1937

Case: John James O'Grady, with aliases, et al.; Impersonation.

Number: 47-12160-37

Specimens:

K3. Sample handwriting of John James O'Grady consisting of ten sample checks.

Examination requested by: Louisville

Date received: 4-2-37

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Blackburn

Based on a comparison of the known handwriting specimens of John James O'Grady with the handwriting contained on the spurious checks received in the Bureau in connection with the case entitled, John Joseph Murphy; Impersonation, Bureau file #62-42824, it is believed that O'Grady wrote all of these questioned checks. No conclusion was reached with regard to the comparison of the handwriting of O'Grady with the check received in connection with the instant case, designated as specimen #47-12160-7 Q1, inasmuch as the handwriting specimens submitted did not contain similar letters and characters for comparison. It is therefore suggested that additional specimens of O'Grady's writing be obtained containing the names "James L. Reynolds" and "George W. Miller". Upon receipt of these additional specimens further comparison will be made.

The known specimens submitted were compared with the other checks maintained in the fraudulent check file in the Laboratory but no further identification was made.

2-Bureau (1 for file #62-42824)
3-Louisville
1-Little Rock
1-Atlanta
1-Washington
2-Laboratory (1 for file #62-42824)

K3 and the signatures appearing on his fingerprint cards on file in the Bureau.

In arriving at this identification it was necessary to use in addition to specimen K7-12160, K3 one of the signatures appearing on O'GRADY'S fingerprint cards and in the event handwriting testimony should be desired it will be necessary that your office advise the Bureau in sufficient time to inform you as to the source of the fingerprint card used and the identity of the individual taking the fingerprint.

Specimen A7-12160, K3 was submitted by the Louisville Field Division of this Bureau on April 2, 1937 in connection with the case entitled "JOHN JAMES O'GRADY, with aliases, et al; Impersonation". At that time O'GRADY's handwriting was identified with the handwriting contained on a number of checks received in connection with the case entitled "JOHN JOSEPH MURPHY, IMPERSONATION", Bureau file 62-42824.

Specimen Q1 in the above-entitled case was submitted by Mr. John F. Newell, Chief of Police, Portland, Maine under date of April 26, 1945 in connection with the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, with alias, FLOYD G. MILLIKEN; Fraudulent Check; Portland, Maine". Specimen Q1 is in the amount of $50.00, dated April 6, 1945, payable to CARL K. ANDERSON and signed by FLOYD G. MILLIKEN.

For your information, there will be transmitted to your office and other interested offices within the next ten days copies of the criminal transcript and photograph of JOHN JAMES O'GRADY, #FBI-16351.

In arriving at the identification of O'GRADY's handwriting with the check in this case, it was necessary to use all of the checks as a unit inasmuch as some of them are not comparable individually with the known handwriting of O'GRADY. In the event testimony should ever be desired in this case it will be necessary that all of the evidence be introduced or else it will be necessary that additional known handwriting be obtained from the subject.

The typewriting on Q2 is too limited for a definite conclusion to be reached as to the make of typewriter used to prepare the check, however, it [illegible] the Laboratory standards for Underwood Pica type spaced ten letters to the inch.

Specimens Q2 and Q3 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none of value was found.

Specimens Q2 and Q3 together with a photographic copy of each are being returned to your office herewith, appropriate photographic copies being retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.
Philadelphia, Pa.

October 20, 1936.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

May I advise you that on October 18, 1936, Sergeant T. Lenox, Cheltenham Township Police, called this office, and advised that he had under arrest for drunken driving one James Abel, 225 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia, who claimed that he was a "G" man working under cover at Washington.

Abel exhibited no credentials, and did not attempt to obtain anything of value. However, upon being arrested for the above offense he advised Sergeant Lenox that he was a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Will you please advise me whether an individual by the above name has ever applied to this Bureau for a position?

Very truly yours,

R. E. Vetterli

R. E. VETTERLI
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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This person may be identical with the Abel to whom you refer.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 3, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Re: JAMES ABEL;
IMPERSONATION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 20, 1936, regarding the above named person who was arrested for drunken driving in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and at which time he claimed he was a "G" man.

An examination of the personnel files of this Bureau does not disclose that any person of this name ever applied for a position with this Bureau or has ever been employed in the Department. You are advised, however, that there is a case file on a subject named James D. Abel, Birmingham origin, which reflects that a person by that name entered a plea of guilty to an information filed against him on September 1, 1933 at Birmingham, Alabama, charging him with violation of the Dyer Act; and, at that time, was sentenced by Federal Judge W. I. Grubb to serve thirty days in the Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, Alabama. This individual gave his permanent residence as 1627 Carlisle Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and stated that he has three children residing with his mother at 1537 North 30th Street, Philadelphia. The following is his description:

Age -	43
Height -	5' 11"
Weight -	180 pounds
Hair -	reddish sandy
Eyes -	blue
Complexion -	ruddy
Occupation -	plumber
Marks -	tattoo right inner forearm, the following characters: Inverted delta, followed by initials AE, run together
Teeth -	two lower front missing.

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47-12158 February 23, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,

Knoxville, Tennessee.

RE: ... De ROCHEMONT;
IMPERSONATION.

Dear Sir:

The Bureau file in the above entitled case indicates that this case is not receiving prompt investigative attention in your district.

This matter should be placed in line for early investigative attention and you should submit a report to the Bureau at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Post Office Box 1180,
Knoxville, Tennessee
June 17, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Louisville, Kentucky.

RE: JOHN JAMES O'GRADY, with aliases,
ET AL; INTERCEPTION.

Dear Sir:

In view of the closing report submitted by Special Agent Z. J. Vanlandingham dated June 14, 1937, at Louisville, Kentucky, this case is being considered as referred upon completion by this office.

Yours very truly,

R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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